

leaders in this field share their experience regarding difficult problems in aortic disease. Manuscripts selected from submitted abstracts will comprise the balance of the program and be considered for publication in a supplement of the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*.

PROGRAM NOW ONLINE

View the AATS AORTIC SYMPOSIUM 2014 program online at www.aats.org/aortic.

NEW THIS YEAR

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Friday, April 25, 2014

Controversies in Aortic Surgery

6:00-7:00 AM

Focusing on 2 areas of controversy in aortic surgery:

- **Dr Steven Lansman** and **Dr Roberto Di Bartolomeo**, respectively, will discuss the pros and cons of extending the classical repair for type A dissection with a descending endograft.
- **Dr D. Craig Miller** and **Dr Hans-Joachim Schäfers**, respectively, will discuss re-implantation and remodeling for valve-sparing aortic root replacement.

An informal discussion session will follow each topic.

Stump the Stars

6:00-7:15 AM

Participants will be asked to submit diagnostically or technically challenging cases, summarized in 5 slides (eg, 2-4 work up/imaging and 1-2 OR findings/outcome). Selected submissions will be presented to faculty members and opened for discussion before the findings/outcomes are presented.

May attend one of the following:

- Stump the Stars: Endovascular Cases
Moderators: Joseph E. Bavaria
Eric E. Roselli
- Stump the Stars: Open Surgery Cases
Moderators: Nicholas T. Kouchoukos
David Spielvogel

SEATING IS LIMITED for these two sessions and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Instructions on how to submit cases will be forwarded in the near future.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for 14.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

AATS 94th Annual Meeting

April 26-30, 2014

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Toronto, Canada

Join us at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 26-30, 2014, for the **American Association for Thoracic Surgery's 94th Annual Meeting**. This internationally recognized, high-quality five-day program, co-chaired by AATS President David J. Sugarbaker, MD, and Raphael Bueno, MD, is designed with a primary focus on delivering cutting-edge education to improve cardiothoracic surgical practice. Gather with the world's foremost scientists and medical professionals in the specialty at this premier continuing medical education event.

Don't miss the Saturday and Sunday Symposia including:
Saturday, April 26th

- **Adult Cardiac Skills and Decision Making: Pearls and Pitfalls in Operative Technique**
Course Chair: Tomislav Mihaljevic
- **Congenital Skills and Decision Making: Developing Technical Excellence**
Course Chair: J. William Gaynor
- **General Thoracic Skills and Decision Making: Mastering Techniques and Decision Making**
Course Chair: Nasser K. Altorki
- **Cardiothoracic Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support of Heart and Lung: Mastery of the Management of End-Stage Heart and Lung Failure**
Course Chair: R. Duane Davis
- **Allied Health Personnel Symposium: Advancing the Practice of Patient Care in Cardiothoracic Surgery**
Course Co-chairs: Stephen C. Yang and Katherine J. Hoercher

Sunday, April 27th

- **AATS/STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Symposium: Becoming a Master Valve Surgeon**
Course Chair: David H. Adams
- **AATS/STS Congenital Heart Disease Symposium: Issues Beyond the Textbook**
Course Chair: Ivan M. Rebeyka
- **AATS/STS General Thoracic Surgery Symposium: Becoming a Master Thoracic Surgeon**
Course Chair: Scott J. Swanson
- **AATS/STS Cardiothoracic Critical Care Symposium: Respiratory Failure**
Course Co-chairs: Michael S. Mulligan and Nevin M. Katz

NEW FOR 2014!

AATS Postgraduate Symposia *Legends Lunch*

Renowned cardiothoracic surgeons will share their experiences during the interactive *Legends Lunch* on Sunday

at each of the Postgraduate Symposia. This is a unique opportunity to hear from the true pioneers in cardiothoracic surgery. Featured Keynote Speakers include:



Alain F. Carpentier



F. Griffith Pearson



Aldo R. Castaneda

Please note that you must register for a Postgraduate Symposia on Sunday to attend the Legends Lunch.

AATS/STS Combined Adult—Congenital Cardiac Valve Symposium: *Becoming a Master Valve Surgeon* will take place Sunday, April 27th. This is a new combined Postgraduate Symposium that will take place in the afternoon immediately following the conclusion of the AATS/STS Congenital Heart Disease and Adult Cardiac Symposia. Symposium will highlight topics and speakers that address both specialties.

Annual Meeting and Aortic Symposium Discount—SAVE 20%!

Register for the Aortic Symposium (April 24-25, New York, NY) AND the Annual Meeting and receive 20% off your

total meeting registration fee. (Discount only applies to TOTAL Annual Meeting registration fee for Monday-Wednesday program. Registration Packages, Saturday Skills Courses, Sunday Symposia, Lunch Tickets and Social Program fees are not eligible for this discount.)

ALL ACCESS tickets for Saturday and Sunday Symposia

When you purchase a Saturday course or Sunday symposia, you will be able to access ALL courses or symposium taking place on that day. ALL ACCESS registrations are per day, so you must choose a main course for Saturday and choose a main symposium for Sunday to receive all access each day. Course syllabi will be distributed for main course/symposium only; additional course syllabi will be available for purchase on site.

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Registration

Education is a key element of the AATS; therefore, the registration fee for the Annual Meeting (Monday, April 28 to Wednesday, April 30) for residents/fellows/medical students is complimentary to help strengthen our mission. (Pre-registration is available until March 27, 2014; on or after March 28, 2014, the price is then \$75.)

We also invite all Resident/Fellows and Medical Students to participate in the Cardiothoracic Residents' Luncheon, which will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 12:30 PM at the Toronto Convention Centre. Registration is complimentary, but pre-registration is required.

Pre-registered Resident/Fellows and Medical Students are entitled to all-day access to Saturday courses and all-day access to Sunday Symposia. On or after March 28, 2014, the all access Saturday and all access Sunday registration will be \$100 for each day.

Non-Member Physician Discount Package—SAVE 20% (Savings of \$165)

Non-Member Physicians who **pre-register** for the Annual Meeting (Monday, April 28 to Wednesday, April 30), purchase all access on Saturday, and purchase all access on Sunday will receive a 20% discount off their **Non-Member registration fee and the two all-access Saturday and Sunday registrations**. On-site fees will apply on or after March 28, 2014.

Allied Health Discount Package—SAVE 45% (Savings of \$225)

Allied Health who **pre-register** for the Annual Meeting (Monday, April 28 to Wednesday, April 30), all access for Saturday and all access for Sunday will only be charged **\$275**. On or after March 28, 2014, the rate will be **\$375**.

International Attendees

Please be sure to check with your local embassy or consulate regarding the required travel documents for visiting Canada.

For more information, please visit: www.cbsa.gc.ca and www.cic.gc.ca.

If you require a letter of invitation from the AATS, please visit www.aats.org.

For more information, please visit www.aats.org/annualmeeting.

AATS Awards Applications

AATS Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship *Now accepting applications—July 1st Deadline*

The AATS Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship provides a one year opportunity for promising young academic cardiothoracic surgeons from outside the region to attend a North American institution to broaden their overall training and increase their international contacts. The selected Fellow will receive a stipend of \$75,000 USD to support studies at a primary center of their choice as well as travel to secondary sites in North America. Since the inception of the Graham Traveling Fellowship, 60 individuals from 30 countries have completed the Fellowship.

For more information or to apply, please visit the AATS Web site at www.aats.org.

AATS Third Alton Ochsner Research Scholar Research Scholarship, 2015-2017

Now accepting applications—July 1st Deadline

The AATS Third Alton Ochsner Research Scholarship provides an opportunity for research, training, and experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an

academic career in cardiothoracic surgery. The duration of the scholarship is to be two years and applications must be submitted during the candidates' first two years in an academic position.

The yearly stipend for this scholarship shall be \$80,000 that will be paid to the host institution for support of salary, research supplies, travel, and other legitimate academic expenses of the scholar. The stipend is to be used for direct salary support and related research expenses only.

For more information or to apply, please visit the AATS Web site at www.aats.org.

New in 2014—Save the Date

AATS Cardiovascular Valve Symposium **September 4-6, 2014**

Hilton Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

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For more information, visit www.aats.org/valveistanbul

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Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

The Editors of *Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* want to call your attention to a couple of pieces in the Fall 2013 issue. The first is the expert roundtable on "Discussions in Cardiothoracic Treatment and Care: Management of the Apical Tumor." This hot topic features a spirited conversation between noted experts Drs Manjit Bains, Stephen Swisher, and Eric Vallières, moderated by

Dr Jessica Donington. During this nearly two-hour-long discussion, views on topics such as timing, institutional protocols, palliation of pain, and outcomes are compared between authorities in the field. For an excerpt and more highlights from this discussion, please go here: <http://www.semthorcardiovascsurg.com>.

The Editors would also like to make mention of the article, "Current Status of TAVR" by Drs Robert Bonow, Lars Svensson, and Eric Roselli. The article discusses patient selection in the PARTNER trial and important indications for and improvements expected following TAVR. The "Current Status of TAVR" is in the News and Views section of the Fall 2013 issue.